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SUBJECT: CANADIAN-VIETNAMESE PROBLEMS OVER IMMIGRATION

REF A. HONG KONG 6507, REF B. HONG KONG 6301

1. HANCOCK, VIETNAM DESK OFFICER, MIN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(EXTAFF) GAVE EMBASSY OFFICER FOLLOWING BRIEF RUNDOWN ON  
VISIT OF TWO GOC IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS TO HANOI (REF A).  
OFFICIALS DID NOT VISIT SAIGON.

2. OFFICIALS DID NOT MEET WITH VU HOANG, SRV CHIEF CONSUL-  
LAR OFFICIAL, SINCE HE WAS THEN IN PARIS DISCUSSING MIA  
QUESTIONS WITH U.S. AUTHORITIES. THEY SAW INSTEAD NGUYEN  
THI HAI, DEPUTY CHIEF OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS, WHO WAS BOTH  
INDECISIVE AND APPARENTLY POORLY BRIEFED ON SITUATION.  
HANCOCK IMPLIED LACK OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MAY HAVE BEEN  
DUE TO FAILURE TO DEAL WITH HOANG.

3. GOC OFFICIALS REITERATED GOC DESIRE THAT PROSPECTIVE  
EMIGRES PRODUCE DOCUMENTATION REGARDING IDENTITY AND  
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RELATIONSHIP WITH RELATIVES IN CANADA. MADAME HAI MERELY  
INDICATED THAT "TIME WILL BE REQUIRED TO STUDY THESE  
PROPOSALS".

4. WHEN GOC OFFICIALS PROPOSED THAT INTERVIEWS OF PRO-  
SPECTIVE EMIGRANTS BE CONDUCTED IN SAIGON, SRV OFFICIALS  
REPLIED THAT "PERSONAL SECURITY" COULD NOT BE ASSURED

THERE AND SUGGESTED THAT PROSPECTIVE EMIGRANTS COME TO HANOI FOR INTERVIEWS. BEGIN FYI: HANCOCK SAID HE UNSURE WHAT SRV OFFICIALS MEANT BY "PERSONAL SECURITY". WHETHER IT CONCERNED SECURITY OF GOC OFFICIALS CONDUCTING CONFIDENTIAL

INTERVIEWS OR WHETHER IT MEANT CROWDS GATHERING AROUND INTERVIEW SITE UNCLEAR TO HANCOCK. END FYI.

5. REQUEST TO CONSULT WITH SRV HEALTH OFFICIALS WAS DENIED.

6. REFERRING TO REUNIFICATION CASES GENERALLY, MADAME HAI MADE IT CLEAR THAT SRV WOULD REFUSE TO PROCESS CASES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES AGAINST SRV AND THOSE WHO "HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO REBUILD VIETNAM", IN HANCOCK'S WORDS. SHE ALSO INDICATED THAT SRV EMBASSY IN OTTAWA WILL BE INVOLVED IN CHECKING OUT CREDENTIALS (PRESUMABLY POLITICAL BONA FIDES) OF VIETNAMESE SPONSORS IN CANADA. HANCOCK, WHO ASKED THAT LAST COMMENT BE CLOSELY HELD, ADDED HE SAW LITTLE GOC COULD DO TO PREVENT THIS.

7. COMMENT: EMBASSY OFFICER RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT GOC INTENDS TO STICK TO ITS GUNS BY INSISTING ON AT LEAST BULK OF ITS USUAL IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES. HE ALSO DETECTED GOC UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHO MAKES NEXT MOVE AND WHEN. WHILE HANCOCK POINTEDLY DENIED EMBASSY OFFICER'S SUGGESTION OF POSSIBLE LINKAGE, HE DID NOTE THAT POSSIBLE GOC AID TO SRV COULD BECOME RELEVANT. HE SAID THAT SRV CONFIDENTIAL

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HAD ALREADY ASKED FOR CANADIAN WHEAT; HE DID NOT SPECIFY AMOUNT BUT MERELY NOTED, "IT IS MORE THAN WE'RE WILLING TO GIVE". FURTHER, GOC EXPECTS FORMAL SRV AID REQUEST WHEN NEW SRV AMBASSADOR TRAN TUAN ANH ARRIVES IN OTTAWA. HE IS EXPECTED "IN A MONTH OR SO". IN EMBASSY VIEW, ALTHOUGH GOC MAY NOT INTEND TO USE AID AS QUID FOR QUO OF SRV ACCEPTANCE OF GOC IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES, QUITE POSSIBLE THAT PROGRESS ON THE TWO COULD PROCEED IN PARALLEL. ENDERS

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